

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of ground water in Northampton County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 9, 2010 to November 8, 2010

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Northampton County; 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia 23347; GW00497000

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Northampton County Government Complex, adjacent to the Town of Eastville, Northampton County, VA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Northampton County has applied for a new permit for the Northampton County Government Complex in Northampton County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 37,366 gallons per day. The ground water withdrawal will support a water supply for the government complex, including a new Sheriff's Office, a Courthouse, a Social Service Center, and a regional jail. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Middle Yorktown Eastover aquifer at a depth between 160 feet to 230 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit. The permit will be issued to Northampton County who will be the owner and operator of the system.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing; contain a brief statement on how the proposal affects the person commenting, other users or the aquifer; and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing. If a public hearing is requested, the written comments should include the reason for holding a hearing and related factual concerns. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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